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CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

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Status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the subject of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons, in particular resolution 47/39 of 30 November 1992, adopted without a vote, in which it commended the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, 1/

Noting that the Convention was opened for signature at a signing ceremony in Paris on 13-15 January 1993,

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/47/27), appendix I.

Acknowledging the establishment of the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons,

Noting with satisfaction that one hundred and fifty-nine States have signed the Convention since it was opened for signature,

Also noting that forty-one States have already ratified the Convention and deposited their instrument of ratification,

Noting the information provided by the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session,

1. Welcomes the work done so far by the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in preparation for entry into force and effective implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, and urges the early completion of this work;

2. Encourages States that have not yet done so to sign the Convention and contribute to the achievement of its universality;

3. Stresses the particular importance of the early entry into force of the Convention and urges States, particularly those that possess chemical weapons, to ratify it as soon as possible in order to contribute to this end;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session an item entitled "Status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction".